

WANT TO KNOW ALL THE FACTS

Representatives Ask President to Produce Evidence.

WILL GIVE SQUARE DEAL

By Unanimous Vote Resolution Is Adopted Calling Upon Executive to Enlighten Members as to Evidence in His Possession Justifying the Charges in His Message in Relation to Attitude of Congressmen Toward Secret Service Department.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house of representatives, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution requesting the president to supply it with any evidence that may be in his possession that will justify his statement in his last annual message in relation to the attitude of members of congress toward appropriations for the secret service of the government.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the special committee charged to investigate the allegations made in the president's message, and John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, both stated on the floor that it was the desire of the special committee to be just toward the president in allowing him to submit any evidence he may have, and both declared that the committee would continue in session during the Christmas holidays so that it might receive such evidence from the president promptly and proceed to consider it.

Both the resolution and all of the preamble except that part of the latter interpreting the meaning of the president's message in relation to the secret service were adopted unanimously by a viva voce vote. Mr. Bennett of New York demanded a division on the preamble provision stating the committee's interpretation of the president's strictures upon congress, but before the division was entered upon endeavored to withdraw his motion. Mr. Williams insisted that this could not be done, and the vote being taken, 270 members voted aye and 4 no on this part of the preamble.

In the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The postal savings bank bill was before the senate for over an hour, Senator Burkett of Nebraska making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage. The senate listened also to the reading of a message from the president recommending a change in the form of government of the District of Columbia by which a single executive head would take the place of the board of three commissioners who now jointly act as a governing board. A great many of the senators have left Washington to spend the holidays at their homes, as congress will adjourn from Saturday next until Jan. 4.

Dewey Confesses Ignorance.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The nomination of Samuel B. Donnelly of New York to be public printer was called up in executive session by Senator Elkins. Several senators asked Senator Elkins for information as to Mr. Donnelly's qualifications, which information the West Virginia senator acknowledged he did not possess. The questions were then directed at Senator Dewey of New York, who replied: "Don't ask about these matters connected with New York federal patronage. I could not be expected to know, for I am only a senator." The reply convulsed the senate. The nomination went over.

To Raise President's Salary.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Bourne introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the president of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and in the salary of the vice president from \$12,000 to \$25,000. The bill is intended to take effect at the beginning of the next administration.

CHARGE WOMAN WITH MURDER

Relative of Noted Hatfields Arrested on Boy's Story.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Charged with the murder from ambush of Grafton Starbuck, a leading prohibitionist of Fayette county, at Gaway, Nov. 28, Mrs. E. V. Smith was arrested. Mrs. Smith was arrested on the strength of a story told by Otto Persinger, a 16-year-old boy, who when he was himself accused of shooting Starbuck declared that Mrs. Smith confessed that she was the guilty one.

When arrested Mrs. Smith is said by officers to have admitted that she told Persinger she shot Starbuck, but was only joking. Mrs. Smith is a relative of the Logan county Hatfields of feud fame.

Olga Stein on Trial.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Olga Stein, who was arrested in New York last March and brought later to Russia following extradition proceedings, was put on trial in the district court, charged with forgery and embezzlement. Her victims are said to have lost over \$150,000.

TEST CASE GOES UP

Supreme Court to Pass Upon Constitutionality of Rose Law.

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—The Hancock county case, testing the constitutionality of the Rose local option law, has reached the supreme court on error.

George H. Phelps, attorney for the liquor interests, filed a motion asking the supreme court to enjoin the operation of the law in Hancock county until it passes on the merits of the case. Wayne B. Wheeler, attorney for the Anti-Saloon league, argued against the motion, which will probably be decided next Tuesday.

Circuit Court Upholds Law.

Findlay, O., Dec. 18.—The circuit court refused to grant George H. Phelps' petition for a temporary restraining order to prevent the operation of the Rose local option law in this county, and dismissed his petition. Wayne B. Wheeler's demurrer was sustained.

Protest Dry Victory.

Newark, O., Dec. 18.—A protest against the local option election recently held in this city, in which the dries were successful, was filed with Probate Judge Brister. Irregularities in signing the petition are charged, it being claimed that sufficient names have been found of people who were not voters and unauthorized signatures, to declare it invalid.

Seventy Saloons Quit.

Zanesville, O., Dec. 18.—The 70 remaining saloons in Muskingum county have closed their doors for keeps. Wagons have been hauling beer to private residences, in some instances as many as 30 cases being delivered to one address.

RUNNERS TOO BUSY

Dorando and Longboat Ignore Challenge From Corey.

New York, Dec. 18.—Neither Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, nor Dorando Pietri will accept the challenge of Albert Corey of Chicago for a race in the Chicago coliseum Jan. 8. Harry Pollack, who represents both Longboat and Dorando, said both men have engagements which make it impossible for them to accept the Corey challenge.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS ARE BARRED

Postmaster General Does Not Renew Order.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Postmaster General Meyer has announced that he would not renew his order issued in December, 1907, permitting delivery to charitable organizations of letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

Numerous complaints have been made to the postmaster, general by many charitable organizations that owing to the large number of such letters taken by the various charities while the order was in force, it was not possible to investigate each case, and that the presents given out fell into the hands of unworthy persons. The practice also was objected to on the ground that it tended to make beggars of children.

The postmaster general has directed postmasters to treat the "Santa Claus" letters in accordance with those sections of the postal laws which provide that letters bearing fictitious addresses only shall be sent to the division of dead letters.

UPSON WINS SHOOT

Cleveland Man Carries Off Honors at Eastern Gun Club Meet.

New York, Dec. 18.—D. A. Upson of Cleveland, O., won the amateur championship preliminary match at the opening of the national clay bird champion meet at the Travers Island traps of the New York Athletic club. Upson made a score of 96 out of a possible 100 birds. J. H. Hendrickson of New York, W. M. Ford of Wilmington, Del., and C. W. Billings of New York tied for second place with 94 birds each, and on the shoot-off Hendrickson captured the place with 25 straight hits.

Expansion Ruins Business.

Springfield, O., Dec. 18.—In the court proceedings in the case of J. L. Flanery, a music dealer, who had stores in Dayton, Columbus, Toledo and other cities, now bankrupt, it was developed that he was able to obtain credit for \$200,000 on assets of only \$200. His business was wrecked by too much expansion in the manufacture of electrical pianos.

THE MEAT OF IT.

Odd Fellows of high standing from all parts of the country attended the funeral of Grand Sire Nolan at Nashville, Tenn.

Harr Glazier an actor, formerly connected with Detroit and Toledo stock companies, died at Pasadena, Cal.

Kansas glass manufacturers have refused to grant the wage increase demanded by the workers and all plants in the district are idle.

E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, noted horseman, is seriously ill at his home in Los Angeles, Cal.

Both engineers were seriously injured when two Big Four passenger trains met head-on near Peoria, Ill.

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CLAIM HAINS SOUGHT ANNIS

Real Estate Agent Tells of Conversation.

POINTED OUT PUBLISHER

Intended Victim Was Approaching Boat Landing and Shortly Afterward Tragedy Was Enacted at Bayside Yacht Club—Friend of Murdered Man Testifies Thornton Hains Drove Him Back When He Attempted to Prevent Shooting.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Frederick A. Storm, a real estate dealer, testified in the trial of Thornton J. Hains as a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, in the killing of William E. Annis, that the defendant had inquired as to the whereabouts of Annis shortly before the latter sailed up to the dock where he was shot.

"Thornton Hains stopped talking about real estate and asked me where Annis was," said the witness. "I pointed out Annis' boat, then sailing toward the float." The shooting of Annis followed.

It is upon this statement of Storm that the prosecution hinges its contention that the Hains brothers hunted Annis for the purpose of killing him, and that the real estate inquiry at the yacht club was a blind.

Other important testimony was given by Charles Birchfield, a friend of Annis, who declared that Thornton Hains drove him back with a drawn revolver when he sought to stop the shooting. Thornton Hains also drove Mrs. Annis from the float with his revolver, according to Birchfield.

Mrs. William E. Annis, the widow of the victim of the yacht club tragedy, gave brief testimony to establish the death of her husband. She will take the witness stand again.

SANTA CLAUS' SHOW BEGINS TODAY

Exposition of Dolls and Toys Held in New York.

New York, Dec. 18.—"Santa Claus week" is the unofficial title of the great exhibition of toys which will begin today in Madison Square Garden and will last until the day after Christmas.

It is believed that never before has there been assembled in one place so many of the things that bring delight to the hearts of children. For the little girls there is a vast number of dolls—as many as a hundred thousand, according to one enthusiastic visitor to the show. Not only are the dolls there, but their "fixings," clothes, carriages and all. There is a special group of dolls furnished by women prominent in society. These dolls will be sold at the close of the exposition, the proceeds going to the Hospital for Crippled Children. For the boys there are sleds, wagons, skates, tricycles, bicycles and other playthings in astonishing variety.

An interesting feature of the week is the first annual exhibition of the Junior Aero club. Included in this are miniature aeroplanes, kites, dirigible balloons, spherical balloons and a wireless telegraph apparatus, placed on exhibition by the boys who form the club.

Is Paid For Involuntary Ride.

Kington, N. Y., Dec. 18.—For her involuntary balloon ascension at the Ellenville fair, when she was whirled aloft at an aeronautical exhibition through becoming entangled in a dangling rope, a jury in the supreme court rendered a sealed verdict in favor of Mrs. Mary S. Roper for \$1,000. Mrs. Roper had sued the Ulster County Agricultural society for \$25,000.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early, and in the Morning.

ELECT SIMON PRESIDENT

Haitians Demonstrate When Action of Congress Is Announced.

Port au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 18.—General Antino Simon, who led the last revolution, was elected president of Haiti by a unanimous vote of congress. When the result of the vote became known an immense crowd which had gathered in the streets cheered wildly. The demonstration was taken up in other parts of the capital, and for two hours the crowds marched through the streets waving banners and singing.

Will Recognize Simon Regime.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Instructions were sent by the state department to American Minister Furniss at Port au Prince to accord recognition to the new government of Haiti, headed by General Simon.

BURTON'S ATTITUDE

Representative Discusses Story That Cabinet Offer Is Withdrawn.

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—Congressman Theodore Burton of Cleveland, candidate for the United States senatorship, has opened personal headquarters at the Chittenden hotel. He disposed of the announcement that President-elect Taft had withdrawn his tender of the treasury portfolio as follows: "Whatever announcement may have come out of the east with respect to the treasury portfolio does not change the situation in Ohio, nor has it changed, in any degree, the warm, personal and political friendship that exists between the president-elect and me. It serves, rather, to clear the atmosphere and dispose of any rumor that may be afloat."

Aged Woman Secures Divorce.

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 18.—Perhaps the oldest divorce plaintiff to obtain a decree in Ohio recently was Susanah Moss, 84, who was freed by Judge Blair from her union with Franklin Moss. She alleged willful absence for a period of 44 years.

SCUTTLE BRITISH STEAMER

Cargo of Oil Ignited and Held in Flooded by Cannon Shot.

Singapore, Dec. 18.—A first attempt to scuttle the British steamer Kalamo has been entirely successful. The Kalamo arrived here from New York with fire in her cargo of oil. The engine room and the reserve hold were flooded and No. 2 hold was pierced with a cannon shot to make it possible to flood it. The oil is burning furiously and the situation is serious. It is impossible to get close to the Kalamo because of the danger of explosions.

May Defeat Object of Racing Law.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Because the district attorney was present when three arrests were made at City park, as a result of a test of the Locke anti-racing law, the men arrested will not have a preliminary hearing. The district attorney considers the evidence sufficient to bring the men to trial without this formality. Their trial will probably come up the latter part of December. It is acknowledged that the promoters of the race, which will be the last one until the Locke law is settled one way or the other, have some plan which they believe will defeat the object of the measure.

Taft Confers With Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 18.—At the urgent request of President Roosevelt, President-elect William H. Taft came to Washington from New York and spent two hours in conference with the president at the White House.

Adds to Wittenberg Endowment.

Springfield, O., Dec. 18.—Rev. M. W. Hanna of this city, until recently of Baltimore, Md., gave \$60,000 to Wittenberg college. This gift brings the endowment of the college up to about \$800,000.

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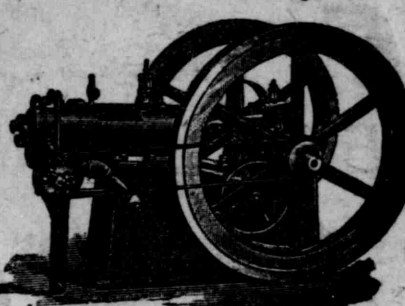
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Peculiarities of signs are a source of never ending delight to some people. One man reached his office grinning the other morning because on his way downtown he had seen three signs that read as follows: "Teddy Bears Retired," "Baby Carriages Retired" and "Umbrellas Recovered." —New York Post.

Defined.
"John," she said, looking up from the paper, "what is a political boom-erang?"
"Why, I'd define it," he answered, "as a roorback on the return trip." —Philadelphia Ledger.

His Idea of Luck.
Bobbie-Bjones is the most unlucky fellow at cards I ever met. Bobbie—Then I suppose he is lucky to lose. Bobbie—I suppose so. At any rate, he has never been married. —Philadelphia Record.

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